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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR FULL REPORT REF A ON MEETING WITH
FONMIN PARK.

2. WE ARE DISTURBED BY PARK'S APPARENT DISTORTION OF
DISCUSSIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS CONTINUING
ROKG RELUCTANCE TO APPROACH KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA
IN MORE CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. AS YOU POINTED OUT, IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT WE, ROKG AND OUR CORE GROUP ALLIES
SERIOUSLY CONSIDER INITIAL TACTICS WITH REGARD TO UP-
COMING UNGA. FATALISTIC ROKG APPROACH TO THE HANDLING
OF THIS QUESTION, AS RECONFIRMED BY PARK, CAN ONLY
SERIOUSLY HAMPER OUR EFFORTS.

3. WITH REGARD TO WASHINGTON MEETINGS, PARK WAS TOLD IN
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UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS THAT USG, ROKG AND OUR FRIENDS MUST

NOT LET NORTH KOREA GO UNCHALLENGED IN THIS YEAR'S DEBATE. AS NOTED PARA 3 REF B, SECRETARY POINTED OUT TO PARK THAT IF IN THIS YEAR'S UNGA DEBATE MAJORITY

WOULD ACT SO IRRESPONSIBLY AS TO THREATEN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, BOTH WE AND ROKG WOULD BE IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION TO REFUSE IN THE FUTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY UNGA DEBATE ON KOREA.

4. WHILE NOTING DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING DEBATE, WE ALSO POINTED OUT, AS HAVE OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS, THAT THIS IS PROBABLY NOT REALISTIC OPTION GIVEN APPARENT DETERMINATION OF NORTH KOREA AND ITS FRIENDS TO FORCE ANOTHER DEBATE. AT SAME TIME WE STRESSED NEED FOR TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY IN OUR APPROACH. IN THAT CONTEXT PARK'S REFERENCE TO A "STRONG FRIENDLY RESOLUTION" WAS PUZZLING IN THAT THERE WAS NO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF TACTICS DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. INDEED, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ASSESS CAREFULLY ALL OF OUR OPTIONS INCLUDING SUCH APPROACHES AS OUTLINED BY JAPANESE, I.E., EXTREMELY GENERAL, LOW KEY RESOLUTION, HOPEFULLY INTRODUCED BY THIRD PARTIES.

5. WITH REGARD TO FOUR POWER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AS YOU NOTED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD TAKE ANY INITIATIVE ON THIS. OBVIOUSLY OUR PROPOSALS ARE MATTER OF RECORD AND REMAIN BASIS FOR OUR UN APPROACH, AND WE AND ROKG HAVE SO CONFIRMED IN DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT QUESTION OF ANY MAJOR PUBLIC RESTATEMENT OUR EXISTING PROPOSALS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL APPROACH TO UNGA AND BE TIMED TO HAVE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON UNGA HANDLING OF KOREAN QUESTION.

6. CONSEQUENTLY WE BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR PUBLIC RESTATEMENT OF OUR POSITION SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL WE ARE CLOSER TO UNGA AND WE HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE DIRECTION WE ARE GOING IN. IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANCE OF PRE UNGA NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS TO KOREA QUESTION, WE AND ROK IN COURSE OF CON-

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TINUING REPRESENTATIONS TO SELECTED NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE OUR WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT KEY PROVISIONS OF OUR RESOLUTION AS WELL AS MEET WITH OTHER SIDE TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE, EASING OF TENSIONS AND MORE DURABLE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENINSULA.

7. YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH

FONMIN PARK AND OTHER SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS.

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